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[1](#)1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN HAMILTON, REASONS 1.5  
B AND D.

[1](#)2. (S) SUMMARY: PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT ALEJANDRO TOLEDO'S  
CHARISMA, ABILITY TO APPEAL TO VARIOUS AUDIENCES, INCLUDING  
PERU'S INDIGENOUS AND POOREST COMMUNITIES, AND POSITIVE  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC MESSAGE HAVE HELPED TO CATAPULT  
HIM INTO A RUN-OFF ELECTION WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. HIS  
NEGATIVES INCLUDE A HOT TEMPER, A TENDENCY TOWARD LECTURING,  
SOME DOUBTS ABOUT HIS ECONOMIC CREDENTIALS, AND A REPUTATION  
FOR HAVING BEEN A PHILANDERER AND OCCASIONALLY HEAVY  
DRINKER. WHILE TOLEDO WON FAVOR WITH MIDDLE CLASS STUDENTS  
FOR DONNING A RED HEAD BAND AND LEADING 50,000 PROTESTORS TO  
THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AFTER THE POLLS CLOSED APRIL 9, PRO-  
FUJIMORI SUPPORTERS HAVE ALREADY BRANDED HIM A RABBLE ROUSER  
FOR THE SAME REASON. PERU 2000 OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO TRIED TO  
LINK TOLEDO TO THE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL EX-PRESIDENT ALAN  
GARCIA, AND TV TALK SHOWS REVISITED ALLEGATIONS THAT HE  
REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE PATERNITY AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO AN  
ILLEGITIMATE DAUGHTER. OTHER PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS REPORTED  
HE AND HIS WIFE WERE DIVORCED AND HAVE NOT REMARRIED.  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DRUG USE ARE AMONG OTHER, UNCONFIRMED  
RUMORS THAT COULD SURFACE BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT ROUND.  
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[1](#)3. (SBU) TOLEDO'S EARLY YEARS READ LIKE (AND HE PORTRAYS  
THEM AS) A HOLLYWOOD SCRIPT. (NO LESS THAN 10 U.S. DAILIES  
AND 2 INTERNATIONAL WEEKLIES INCLUDED HIS RAGS-TO-RICHES  
STORY IN THEIR COVERAGE OF PERU'S ELECTIONS.) BORN MARCH  
28, 1946, TO PARENTS OF 16 CHILDREN (SEVEN OF WHOM DIED  
PREMATURELY) IN THE SMALL HIGHLAND HAMLET OF CABANA (ANCASH  
DEPARTMENT), HE GREW UP IN THE SEAPORT TOWN OF CHIMBOTE. BY  
AGE EIGHT, HE WAS WORKING PART TIME AS A SHOESHINE BOY TO  
SUPPLEMENT THE FAMILY'S INCOME. IN SECONDARY SCHOOL, HE WON  
RECOGNITION FOR HIS WRITING SKILLS AND SOON AFTER LANDED A  
JOB WORKING FOR A LOCAL PAPER. IN HIS LAST YEAR OF HIGH  
SCHOOL (1962-63), HE WON (WITH THE HELP OF U.S. PEACE CORPS  
VOLUNTEER JOEL MEISNER) A ONE-YEAR ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP TO SAN  
FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY ECONOMICS.

[1](#)4. (SBU) WORKING DURING HIS FIRST YEAR OF UNIVERSITY  
STUDIES AS A PART-TIME GAS STATION ATTENDANT, HE PLAYED HIS  
WAY ONTO THE UNIVERSITY'S SOCCER TEAM AND WON A SCHOLARSHIP.  
HE GRADUATED IN 1970 WITH A BA IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION AND THEN STUDIED AT STANFORD, WHERE HE  
COMPLETED MASTERS DEGREES IN HUMAN RESOURCES (1971) AND  
ECONOMICS (1972) AND MARRIED FELLOW STANFORD STUDENT ELIANE  
KARP, A BELGIAN BORN AMCIT, IN 1972. STARTING IN 1973, HE  
WORKED ON A PHD IN HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMPLETED HIS  
COURSEWORK AND EXAMS IN 1976. (NOTE: TOLEDO RECEIVED  
RESEARCH GRANTS FROM USAID AND THE FORD FOUNDATION DURING  
1973-76. WE HAVE NO RECORDS ON HOW HE FINANCED HIS STUDIES  
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AT STANFORD BETWEEN 1971-1972. TOLEDO DID NOT COMPLETE HIS  
PHD IN ECONOMICS OF HUMAN RESOURCES UNTIL 1992.)

16. (SBU) TOLEDO CLAIMS THAT, AFTER FINISHING HIS PHD COURSEWORK IN 1976 (AND IN BETWEEN CONSULTING JOBS), HE ADVISED SEVERAL (UNSPECIFIED) LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. HIS CV SAYS BETWEEN 1983-1991 HE "PROVIDED PERIODICAL TECHNICAL AND INDEPENDENT ADVICE TO PERU'S PRESIDENTS BELAUNDE, GARCIA, AND FUJIMORI," ON EXTERNAL DEBT, STRUCTURAL REFORMS, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGIES. (NOTE: FUJIMORI DENIED THAT TOLEDO HAD ANY ASSOCIATION WITH HIS GOVERNMENT.) HE ALSO WORKED AS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AND VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMICS AND LABOR STUDIES AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOR (1981-1983).

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ILLEGITIMATE CHILD, DIVORCE

19. (C) ON MARCH 28, LUCRECIA OROZCO ZAPATA APPEARED ON A POPULAR DAYTIME TV TALK SHOW AND ALLEGED THAT TOLEDO HAD FATHERED HER SIX-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AND REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT HER. THOUGH TOLEDO HAD WON TWO PATERNITY COURT JUDGMENTS SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE SHOW'S HOSTESS, LAURA BOZZO, CLAIMED THE COURTS WERE CORRUPT AND HAD IGNORED A POSITIVE BLOOD TYPE MATCH. BOZZO LED THE TV STUDIO AUDIENCE IN CHANTS CALLING ON TOLEDO TO TAKE A DNA TEST FOR SEVERAL DAYS THEREAFTER. TOLEDO REFUSED COMMENT ON THE CHARGES, NOTED THE COURTS' PREVIOUS RULINGS, AND SAID HE HAD ONLY ONE WIFE AND CHILD. OUR FILES CONTAIN NO MENTION OF OROZCO, BUT EMBASSY SOURCES TELL US THAT TOLEDO DATED HER OPENLY IN THE EARLY 1990S AFTER HE AND HIS WIFE SEPARATED SOMETIME IN 1988.

110. (SBU) IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS LEADING TO THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS, EXPRESSO BROKE A STORY THAT TOLEDO AND HIS WIFE  
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HAD DIVORCED IN 1992, COMPLETE WITH A PHOTOCOPY OF THE WASHINGTON, DC DIVORCE DECREE. EXPRESSO CLAIMED THAT TOLEDO HAD COMMITTED PERJURY WHEN HE CLAIMED TO BE MARRIED IN AN APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS IN 1997. TOLEDO REFUSED COMMENT ON WHETHER HE AND KARP HAD EVER DIVORCED OR REMARRIED.

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OTHER DIRTY LAUNDRY  
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111. (C) TOLEDO'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS WERE WIDELY KNOWN WITHIN THE MISSION COMMUNITY BECAUSE BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE HAD TIES TO USAID. ELIANE KARP WORKED FOR USAID LIMA FROM 1985-87 AND HAD A REPUTATION FOR BEING BRILLIANT BUT UNRELIABLE AND DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH. SHE SPOKE FLUENT QUECHUA AND WAS ACTIVE IN LIMA'S SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITY. MISSION STAFF RECALL HER HAVING MARITAL DIFFICULTIES. THERE WERE ALSO STORIES THAT SHE WAS A VICTIM OF SPOUSAL ABUSE. USAID DECIDED NOT TO RENEW HER CONTRACT IN 1987 (MAINLY BECAUSE HER WORK ATTENDANCE BECAME TOO UNPREDICTABLE AS HER MARRIAGE CAME UNDER GROWING STRESS) AND IN JANUARY 1988 SHE SEPARATED FROM TOLEDO AND FOUND EMPLOYMENT IN THE WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON. EVENTUALLY SHE MOVED TO ISRAEL UNTIL SHE AND

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TOLEDO RECONCILED IN LATE 1996.

112. (C) SINCE THEN KARP HAS WORKED AS A MANAGER IN AN AGRICULTURE BANK. THOUGH CREDITED WITH HELPING TOLEDO'S CAMPAIGN BY USING HER KNOWLEDGE OF PERU AND FLUENT QUECHUA TO APPEAL TO VOTERS, SHE HAS COME UNDER ATTACK FROM THE YELLOW PRESS AND OTHERS FOR HER LIBERAL VIEWS AND STATUS AS A FOREIGNER. SOURCES CLOSE TO TOLEDO CONFIRM THAT KARP URGED HER HUSBAND TO DON A HEADBAND AND LEAD PROTESTERS IN A MARCH ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AFTER THE POLLS CLOSED APRIL 9, A DECISION THAT MANY PERUVIAN OPINION MAKERS FOUND QUESTIONABLE.

113. (S) A FUJIMORI POLLSTER AND OTHER PRO-GOVERNMENT SOURCES HAVE CONVEYED TO CURRENT AND FORMER EMBOFFS THAT THE GOP HAS EVIDENCE OF DRUG (INCLUDING COCAINE) USE BY TOLEDO; JUST WHEN THE DRUG USE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE OCCURRED IS UNCLEAR. IT MAY HAVE BEEN DURING TOLEDO'S STUDENT DAYS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND STANFORD 25-30 YEARS AGO. THUS FAR, THERE IS NOTHING TO SUGGEST HE CONTINUED,

BUT THIS ISSUE COULD PROVE EXPLOSIVE IN THE LEAD UP TO THE  
SECOND ROUND.

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COMMENT  
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114. (S) THE FUJIMORI CAMP SEEMS INTENT ON MAKING CHARACTER A  
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CENTRAL ISSUE IN THE SECOND ROUND (I.E., CONTINUE WITH SMEAR  
TACTICS), AS EVERYONE FROM VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
TUDELA ON DOWN HAS FOUND REASONS NOT TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS  
OMBUDSMAN JORGE SANTISTEVAN'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ELECTORAL CODE  
OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS TRIBUNAL. FUJIMORI'S SUPPORTERS HAVE  
ALREADY PORTRAYED TOLEDO AS A RABBLE ROUSING DEMAGOGUE CUT  
IN THE MOLD OF ALAN GARCIA. WE EXPECT PRO-GOVERNMENT  
JOURNALISTS TO EGG TOLEDO TO ISSUE AN ON-THE-RECORD DENIAL  
OF DRUG USE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, FOLLOWED BY LEAKING OF  
WHATEVER EVIDENCE THE GOVERNMENT HAS. FOR HIS PART, TOLEDO  
IS LIKELY TO REFUSE ANY COMMENT ON THE ALLEGATIONS. WE  
SHOULD ALSO REFUSE COMMENT.

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